CHAPTER 21
PHYSICIAN ELIGIBILITY TO SUPERVISE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

653—21.1(148,272C) Authority to supervise a physician assistant. A physician with an active permanent, special, or temporary Iowa license who is actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Iowa may supervise a physician assistant.
NOTE: A physician licensed in another state and working for a federal facility is exempt from this chapter when the physician is supervising a physician assistant in a federal facility in Iowa.

653—21.2(148,272C) Ineligibility determinants. A physician is ineligible to supervise a physician assistant for any of the following reasons:
21.2(1) The physician does not hold an active, permanent Iowa license.
21.2(2) The physician is not actively practicing medicine in Iowa.
21.2(3) The physician does not have sufficient training or experience to supervise a physician assistant in the area of medical practice in which a physician assistant is to be utilized.
21.2(4) The physician is subject to a disciplinary order of the board that restricts the physician from supervising a physician assistant.

653—21.3(148,272C) Criteria for determining a physician's eligibility or ineligibility to supervise a physician assistant.
21.3(1) The board deems the following person eligible to supervise a physician assistant: a physician who has a current active permanent, special, or temporary Iowa license, actively practices medicine in Iowa, and has no current disciplinary order or restriction by the board against the licensee supervising a physician assistant.
21.3(2) The board shall allow the board of physician assistant examiners to accept a copy of a current active permanent, special, or temporary Iowa license and a physician's attestation of eligibility as proof of eligibility to supervise a physician assistant.
21.3(3) The board deems a physician who does not actively practice medicine in Iowa as ineligible to supervise until the physician practices medicine with patients in Iowa on a regular basis. Part-time, voluntary practice with patients in Iowa meets the eligibility requirement.
21.3(4) The board deems a physician who has a lapsed, delinquent, inactive, or resident license as ineligible to supervise until the physician is issued a current active permanent, special, or temporary Iowa license by the board.

653—21.4(148,272C) Grounds for discipline. A physician may be subject to disciplinary action for supervising a physician assistant in violation of these rules or the rules found in 653—Chapter 12 or 645—Chapter 325, which relate to duties and responsibilities for physician supervision of physician assistants.

653—21.5(148,272C) Disciplinary sanction. The board may restrict or rescind a physician's authority to supervise a physician assistant as part of a disciplinary sanction following a contested case proceeding, if the reason for the disciplinary action impacts the ability of the physician to supervise a physician assistant. The board shall notify the board of physician assistant examiners when it takes a disciplinary action against a physician's license that affects the physician's eligibility to supervise a physician assistant.

653—21.6(148,272C) Communication with physician assistant supervisees. The physician shall notify all physician assistant supervisees within one workday upon receiving disciplinary action from the board or any other change in status that affects the physician's eligibility to supervise a physician assistant.

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